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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Maino *et al.*  
Serial No. : 08/803,702  
Filed : February 21, 1997  
For : METHOD FOR DETECTING T CELL RESPONSE  
TO SPECIFIC ANTIGENS IN WHOLE BLOOD  
Group Art Unit : 1642  
Examiner : Phillip Gambel, Ph.D.

Attention: Office of Petitions  
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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

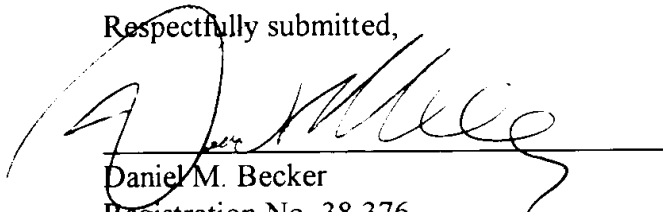
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time for responding to the September 16, 1997 Office Action in the above-identified application, extending the deadline for response to the full statutory period ending March 16, 1998.

A check in the amount of \$870.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may

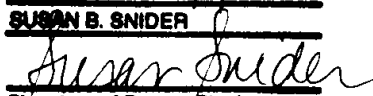
be due, or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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